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Arrest of Sri Nippani Ranga Rao.

* 98 *Q*,—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, after the reply given by the Government on 14th August 1948, with regard to interpellation No. 39, they have received any communication from the detenu to the effect that he has resigned from the Communist Party and communicated the same to the authorities of the said party; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the subject of his further detention and arrived at any decision, and if so, to what effect?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration of the Government."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are the Government not aware that he was released on the 10th October 1948? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It may be so, Sir."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that along with this gentleman about 20 others also offered to render their resignation of the Membership of the Communist Party and communicate the same to the Government? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As often as petitions are received from these detenus they are placed before the Advisory Council and on the advice of the Council, the Government pass orders. It is just possible that these 20 peoples' representation is under the consideration of the Advisory Council and in due course they will be considered by the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it a fact that the Advisory Council has not met since the illness of the late Mr. V. Govindarajachari? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know the details; but it is just possible."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Since the death of Sri Govindarajachari, the Advisory Council could not meet and Mr. Justice Subba Rao has been appointed in his place and the papers are with him."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I meant the illness of Sri Govindarajachari and not the death."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It means the same thing. Mr. Justice Subba Rao will be dealing with the papers now."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I take it that the Advisory Council has not met after the appointment of Mr. Justice Subba Rao in the Committee? "

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is only last week he was appointed and unless the papers go to him and he takes complete charge of the situation the Advisory Council cannot meet and I am sure the papers won't be held up."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" ఇప్పుడు శ్రీ భీమారావుగారు వేసిన ప్రశ్నకు ప్రత్యుత్తరమిస్తూ డాక్టర్ రాజన్‌గారు 1942 వ సంవత్సరంలో డిటెన్యూల విడుదల విషయంలో ఏ విధానమైతే అమలులో ఉన్నదో ఆ విధానమే ఇప్పుడుకూడా అమలులో ఉన్నట్లుగా చెప్పియున్నారు. అక్టోబరు మాసములో ఒక డిటెన్యూ విడుదల చేయబడినప్పటికికూడా ఇంతవరకు ప్రభుత్వము వారికి ఈ విషయము తెలియనట్లున్నది. ఇదివరకొకసారి ఇటువంటి విషయమై చర్చ జరిగినప్పుడు ఈ డిటెన్యూ రిలీజు విధానాన్ని మార్చవలసినదిగా మంత్రిగారిని కోరియున్నాము. ఇకముందు అయినను డిటెన్యూ విడుదల విదానము సక్రమముగా సవరింపబడుతుందని ఆశించ వచ్చునా ? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As far as I am able to gather from the Telugu statement, Sir, I may say this :

For one thing it is not a supplementary question. It is a matter of expression of opinion which does not deserve any answer. But I may tell him that these questions were asked and put to Government months ago. These answers are relevant to the questions put at that time and is not in relation to what happened subsequently. Evidently the release has taken place."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Assuming all the Communist members are resigning from that party and joining the Congress Party and pledging their loyalty to Pandit Nehru's Government will the Government consider the desirability of appointing an additional Regional Advisory Committee to take action in the matter. I saw in last night's 'Mail,' that four more members resigned from the Communist Party."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN.—" In their anxiety to get release the detenus may say anything. But the Government before releasing every time go into the question and the Advisory Council has got to give its opinion. So a reference is made to the Police and the District Magistrate concerned before the Government take any action."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it that these statements of regret will be placed before the Advisory Council? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, they are all sent to the Advisory Council."

Security deposit by Newspapers.

* 99 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether security deposits were demanded from any Newspaper from January to August 1948; and

(*b*) if so, (i) the names of such newspapers, (ii) the amounts demanded as security in each case, and (iii) whether the securities were paid?